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SUBJECT: PROPOSED USG-GOP AGREEMENT ON SMITHSONIAN TROPICAL
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1. EMBASSY HELD FURTHER DISCUSSION REGARDING STRI AGREEMENT
WITH FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR RELATIONS WITH U.S. (GARAY).
POSSIBILITY OF SUBSTITUTING NEW LANGUAGE IN PROPOSED AGREEMENT
AND GOP LAW 57 WAS SUGGESTED AS PER REFTEL.

2. GARAY STATED: (A) OZORES NOTE OF JULY 31 WAS NOT INTENDED
TO SUGGEST MODIFICATION BUT ONLY TO CITE EXAMPLE WHERE A USG
INDEPENDENT AGENCY (SIC) HAD ENTERED INTO CONTRACT WITH
PROVISION SIMILAR TO CLAUSE 6 OF LAW 57; (B) EVEN IF SUCH
LANGUAGE IS MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH PARTIES, LAW 57 WILL
HAVE TO BE AMENDED BY LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION BEFORE CONTRACT
CAN BE SIGNED; (C) EMBASSY SHOULD SUBMIT PROPOSAL FORMALLY
TO FONOFF BY MEANS OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE INDICATING RATIONALE
FOR REQUESTED AMENDMENT; (D) HE COULD NOT INDICATE IN ADVANCE
OPINION OF FONOFF OR GOP POSITION ON OUR REQUEST.

3. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT NOTE TO FONOFF USING RATIONALE PROVIDED
REFTEL.

4. STRI DIRECTOR RUBINOFF, WITH EMBASSY CONCURRENCE, HAS ALSO
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DISCUSSED MATTER WITH HEALTH MINISTER WHO EXPRESSED OPINION HE

MIGHT BE ABLE TO EXPEDITE MODIFICATION OF LAW 57 THROUGH
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION.
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